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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Department of State (DoS) Waiver Request for Department of Defense (DoD) Common Access Cards (CACs)

To meet the operational demands of critical mission programs, a waiver is granted to allow for the continued issuance of Common Access Cards (CACs) to Federal Government personnel working in Iraq or Afghanistan under the authority of the Chief of Mission (COM). The waiver also continues to apply to prime contractors of the Federal Government under COM authority who receive life support from the Embassy. This waiver does not apply to non-U.S. persons. All non-U.S. persons will be issued a credential as determined by the U.S. Central Command or one of its subordinate units.

This waiver is granted until either October 31, 2010, or until the Memorandum of Agreement between DoD and DoS dated June 10, 2004, is terminated, whichever comes sooner. All CACs will be issued for the length of the deployment or December 31, 2010, whichever comes sooner. All CACs will be issued prior to deployment.

DoS will be responsible for determining the eligibility of the personnel it sponsors and for assuring that CAC recipients have been properly vetted in accordance with DoD policy and the Federal Information Processing Standards 201 (FIPS-201). DoS will also be responsible for providing DoD an automated data feed to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) prior to CAC issuance, and for maintaining 100% accountability on all CACs issued.

DoD will continue to fund card issuance costs in support of this waiver.

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